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WORKSHOPS ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops on management of solid waste and cost of provision of sewerage, waste water treatment and drainage in Urban Centres organised for creating sustainable and viable waste-energy initiative in the country during the last three years and current year; and

(b) the details of cities and small towns of the country selected for this environmentally friendly programme, State wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Central Pollution Control Board support organizations and institutions in the country for organising workshops on solid waste management including creating awareness for setting up of appropriate waste processing facilities. Ten National level workshops in the past three years and four workshops in the current year have been organized at various cities. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources also have a National Programme on Waste-to-Energy.

The Ministry of Environment & Forests has an ongoing scheme entitled National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) since 1986 with the objective of creating environmental awareness at the national level. This year, the theme for NEAC is `Solid Waste Management`. The sub-themes for this include household waste and composting / vermi-composting, municipal waste, and bio-medical waste. NEAC is conducted through 29 Regional Resource Agencies (RRAs) identified by the Ministry. The RRAs invite registered NGOs, Voluntary Organisations, Educational Institutions, and State Government Agencies etc for the conduct of the campaign. The activities under the scheme include conduct of Seminars and workshops on selected themes through out the country through the year.